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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN JOSE DIVISION

14 MICHAEL V. NICKERSON, No. 5:20-cv-06326-EJD (PR)
15 Plaintiff,
16 v.
17 DEFENDANTS' RAND WARNING TO
18 PLAINTIFF REGARDING OPPOSING
19 SUMMARY JUDGMENT
RON BROOMFIELD, et al., Judge: The Honorable Edward J. Davila
Defendants. Trial Date: Not Set
Action Filed: September 9, 2020

TO PLAINTIFF MICHAEL V. NICKERSON, PRO SE:

21 You are advised to read the following warning, which is a verbatim copy of the model
22 warning from *Rand v. Rowland*, 154 F.3d 952, 962-63 (9th Cir. 1998) (en banc):

RAND WARNING

Defendants have moved for summary judgment by which they seek to have your case against them dismissed. A motion for summary judgment under Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure will, if granted, end your case against defendants.

Rule 56 tells you what you must do in order to oppose a motion for summary judgment.

Generally, summary judgment must be granted when there is no genuine issue of material fact—

1 that is, if there is no real dispute about any fact that would affect the result of your case, the party
2 who asked for summary judgment is entitled to judgment as a matter of law, which will end your
3 case. When a party you are suing makes a motion for summary judgment that is properly
4 supported by declarations (or other sworn testimony), you cannot simply rely on what your
5 complaint says. Instead, you must set out specific facts in declarations, depositions, answers to
6 interrogatories, or authenticated documents, as provided in Rule [56(c)],¹ that contradict the facts
7 shown in the defendants' declarations and documents and show that there is a genuine issue of
8 material fact for trial. If you do not submit your own evidence in opposition, summary judgment,
9 if appropriate, may be entered against you. If summary judgment is granted, your case will be
10 dismissed and there will be no trial.

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA LOCAL RULE REQUIREMENTS

12 Aside from the *Rand* warning, Plaintiff is advised to review the applicable local rules
13 concerning opposing summary judgment. In particular, Local Rule 7-3(a) instructs you to assert
14 any evidentiary and procedural objections to Defendants' motion in your opposition brief or
15 memorandum, not to exceed twenty-five pages. Once Defendants file the reply, no additional
16 memoranda, papers, or letters may be filed without prior court approval. L.R. 7-3(d)(1). Where
17 Defendants submit new evidence in their reply, you may file and serve an Objection to Reply
18 Evidence within ten days from the date Defendants served the reply by mail. *See id.* (extending
19 the seven-day deadline by three days in certain circumstances). Your Objection may not exceed
20 five pages of text, nor include further argument on the summary-judgment motion. *Id.*

When opposing summary judgment, Local Rule 7-5(a) requires that factual contentions be supported by an affidavit or declaration and by appropriate references to the record. Extracts from depositions, interrogatory answers, requests for admissions, and other evidentiary matters must be appropriately authenticated by an affidavit or declaration. An affidavit or declaration may contain only facts, must conform as much as possible to the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 56(c), and must avoid conclusions and argument. L.R. 7-5(b). Any statement

¹ The substance of Rule 56(e) from the 1998 version, when *Rand* was decided, has been reorganized and renumbered with the current version of Rule 56(c).

1 made upon information or belief must specify the basis for that information or belief. *Id.* Local
2 Rule 7-5(b) warns that an affidavit or declaration not in compliance with this rule may be stricken
3 in whole or in part.

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5 Dated: January 5, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

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